**Growth of Industrial Production and Export**

2490. SHRI BRAHAMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for the growth of industrial production and export during 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

(b) whether the achievements have been made as per target fixed;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to boost the exports ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The export targets fixed for the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000 and export performance during the same period is as under:—

| Year | Export targets (%) | Export performance (%) |
|---|---|---|
| 1998-99 | 20.00 | 3.7* |
| 1999-2000 | 11.3** | 11.12* (April-Feb.) |

No targets are fixed for industrial production.

(d) A number of steps have been taken to further enhance the export growth which include reduction in translation cost through decentralisation, simplification of procedures and various other measure as enumerated in the Exim Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions.

**Decline in Herbal Exports**

2491. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp decline in the herbal export during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

*The data are provisional and are compared with the provisional data of the same period last year.

**Targets excluding software.

(c) the steps taken to lay proper emphasis in increasing the herbal exports from the country; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No Sir. Details of export of Indian herbal products during the period from 1996-97 till 1998-1999 as per DGCI&S data are as follows:

1996-97 Rs. 197.6 Crores

1997-98 Rs. 239.9 Crores

1998-99 Rs. 244.6 Crores

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government is extending Market Development Assistance for exporters including the ayurvedic and herbal exporters for competing in foreign markets through participation in overseas fairs, exhibitions, for mounting trade delegations and for conducting market surveys in foreign countries. Department of Indian System of Medicines and Homeopathy under Government of India exclusively concentrates on all aspects of herbal industry to redress various problems faced by the industry. To provide more focussed attention to export of herbal products, Chemexcil, the concerned Export Promotion Council under Department of Commerce, has a separate Ayurvedic sub-panel. Further, Government is constantly interacting the herbal industry and the concerned associations to identify and deal with the problems faced by the exporters.

**Lifting of Ban/Restrictions on Indian Companies**

2492 CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Administration recently lifted ban/restrictions on some Indian companies during the visit of President Clinton;

(b) if so, the details of such companies;

(c) the extent of loss these companies suffered due to such restrictions; and

(d) the details of trade including imports and exports taken place between Indian and U.S. during last three years, year-wise?